

**STATE OF NEW YORK**  
**LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY**  
**BUFFALO, NY, DECEMBER 29, 2022**

***Acknowledging and Honoring Pastors Al and Vivian Robinson***

**WHEREAS**, Spirit of Truth Urban Ministries in Buffalo is proud to have served a faith-filled community of local residents; and

**WHEREAS**, *Pastors Al and Vivian Robinson* of Spirit of Truth Urban Ministries and owners of LaVerdad Cafe, and Rebecca Rose Recovery Institute, located at 115 Gold Street in Buffalo, have been shepherds for 12 years; and

**WHEREAS**, on the night of December 23<sup>rd</sup>, Al and Vivian opened their home and the church to the community during the disastrous Blizzard of 2022 in which lives were lost, homes destroyed and families tried to remain strong; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding the necessity of supporting our community, Pastor Al and Vivian stepped forward, knowing that our community needed not only prayers, but immediate action in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, demonstrating what it means to truly live the tenets of obedience and sacrifice, Al and Vivian exercised faith, love, and unity and provided food and shelter to over 130 individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, they shared everything they had to ensure that a true Christmas miracle was created, assisting everyone from newborn babies to octogenarians; and

**WHEREAS**, Pastor Al continued to deliver formula, diapers, and care packages to the community, while Pastor Vivian delivered resources to the storm-survivors in the church; and

**WHEREAS**, Al and Vivian gave from the abundance of their hearts and saved lives, put families back in the arms of concerned loved ones, and worked around the clock from Dec. 23 until Dec. 28; and

**WHEREAS**, this Honorable Body appreciates, recognizes and give thanks to active leaders in our community such as *Pastors Al and Vivian Robinson* of Spirit of Truth Urban Ministries in Buffalo, and extends special thanks for their sincerest love and appreciation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Erie County Legislature pauses in our deliberations to honor and recognize *Pastors Al and Vivian Robinson* of Spirit of Truth Urban Ministries for their above-and-beyond efforts during the life-threatening Blizzard of 2022 and their selfless service to our community.

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**Hon. Howard J. Johnson Jr.**  
*Erie County Legislator, 1<sup>st</sup> District*